GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Enquiries & Investigation – Series of unnatural deaths occurred in Jangareddygudem town in the month of March, 2022 due to consumption of illicit liquor – Constitution of Special Task Force for enquiry/investigation – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.968 Dated:19.05.2025

Read:

From the Director General of Police, AP, Mangalagiri, Letter C.No.1296/L&O-II/2025, dated:15.05.2025

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O R D E R:

In the letter read above, the DGP, AP has reported that series of unnatural deaths in Jangareddygudem town have occured in the month of March, 2022. He has also informed that 4 cases were registered vide 1) Cr.No. 105/2022/U/s 174 Cr.PC of Jangareddygudem PS 2) Cr.No.111/2022 U/s 174 Cr.PC altered to 304 (II) IPC of Jangareddygudem PS 3) Cr.No. 112/2022 U/s 174 Cr.PC altered to 304 (II) IPC of Jangareddygudem PS and 4) Cr.No.122/2022 U/s 174 Cr.PC of Jangareddygudem PS.

2. The DGP, AP has informed that the investigation in these cases requires in depth analysis as to why so many deaths have occurred, due to consumption of liquor as field information reveals etc. The FSL reports have revealed that the deaths are due to Methyl alcohol contamination.

3. The DGP, AP has therefore recommended to constitute a Special Task Force with one Police Officer (at the rank of SP), representative from Excise department and a medical expert to indentify the causative factors for the deaths.

4 . In view of the report on series of unnatural deaths in Jangareddigudem town, Eluru district which occurred in the month of March, 2022 as informed by the DGP, AP in the letter read above, allegedly due to consumption of liquor contaminated with methyl alcohol and based on the recommendation of Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, the Government hereby constitutes a Special Task Force to inquire into and identify the cause for such deaths in a comprehensive manner.

5. The composition of the Special Task Force is as follows:

a. Sri K.P.S. Kishore, IPS., S.P, Eluru
b. Sri K.V.N. Prabhu Kumar, AC, Enforcement, Eluru
c. Dr. P. Uma Maheswara Rao, Prof. & HoD, Forensic Medicine, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada

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6. The Special Task Force shall have the following terms of reference:

i. Enquire /investigate the underlying causes of the deaths reported in Jangareddigudem town, Eluru District during March, 2022
ii. Examine the status of 4 cases registered in this respect under 1) Cr. No. 105/2022, 2) Cr.No. 111/2022, 3) Cr.No. 112/2022 and Cr.No.122/2022 of Jangareddigudem PS.
iii. Analyse the lapses if any on part of the local administration.
iv. Fix responsibility where necessary based on the information gathered during the inquiry.
v. Recommend legal, administrative and technical measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

7. The Director of Enforcement, the Director of Proh. & Excise, the District Collector & Magistrate, Eluru, the Eluru District police administration shall provide all necessary support, information and assistance as may be required to the Special Task Force.

8. The Special Task Force shall submit a comprehensive report within one month from date of receipt of the order.

9. The Director General of Police, A.P., shall take immediate necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.VIJAYANAND
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVENRMENT

To
The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
All the members of the Special Task Force (through the DGP, AP, Mangalagiri).
The Director of Enforcement (through the DGP, AP, Mangalagiri)
The Director of Prohibition & Excise (through the DGP, AP, Mangalagiri)
The Collector & Distirct Magistrate, Eluru District
The Superintendent of Police, Eluru District
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The Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department, A.P. Secretariat
The PS to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister
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